



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: April 3, 2023
PREPARED BY: Ken Ashfeld, P.E., Director of Public Works/City Engineer
AGENDA ITEM: Maple Grove Yard Waste Site Agreement

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

At their August 20, 2018 meeting, Council approved an agreement with Lynde & McLeod, Inc., for the Maple Grove Yard Waste site.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to approve agreement with Lynde & McLeod, Inc., and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.

COMMENTS:

Since 1991, the yard waste site, located along Maple Grove Parkway, serves residents and businesses of Maple Grove, as well as seven other northwest metro cities. The city designated yard waste site provides a service to its residents as a drop off site and it has become very popular over the years. There are 83,802 households within the cities served by this recycling center, 24,607 of those being Maple Grove households. The operators have worked with city staff to manage traffic and, clearly, they have done well.

Hennepin County is a quarantined area restricting diseased trees, such as ash trees infected with Emerald Ash Borer, from leaving the county for purposes of fire wood, etc. The yard waste site has been designated by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture as a disposal site for diseased trees. Since the operation of the site requires significant capital investment in equipment such as tree chippers and rolling stock, the city has traditionally negotiated an extension to the operating agreement one year in advance of its expiration as our terms and conditions set the basis for agreements with other cities.

The major provisions of the agreement are summarized as follows:

- The terms of the agreement would extend through December 31, 2027.
- The agreement defines hours and periods of operation. The site opens on April 1 and remains in operation until November 30 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Mondays through Saturdays and 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Sundays.

- The agreement addresses a processing fee for handling grass clippings and leaves and the chipping of tree materials. The city then receives a credit against the processing fee for any residual value of the products created. The processing fee reflects an increase of 10.4% over the four-year term of the agreement, or approximately 2.6% per year increase.
- Either party to the agreement has the right to terminate the agreement, with or without cause, with notice. The termination become effective the year following notice.

The agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office. It is recommended that City Council approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Yard Waste Site Agreement
Attachment B: Location map